The Several

DECLARATIONS,

Together with the Several

DEPOSITIONS

MADE IN

COUNCIL

On *Monday*, the 22d of *October*, 1688.

CONCERNING

The BIRTH

OF THE

Prince of WALES.

N. B. *Those Mark'd with this Mark,* * *were* Roman Catholicks.

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AT THE COUNCIL-CHAMBER IN WHITEHALL.

Monday the 22*th* of *October*, 1688.

THis Day an Extraordinary Council met, where were likewise Present, by his Majesty's Desire and Appointment, Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, and such of the Peers of this Kingdom, both Spiritual and Temporal, as were in Town. And also the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London; *the Judges, and several of Their Majesties Council Learn'd, hereafter Named,*

The King's most Excellent Majesty.

Her Majesty the Queen Dowager in a Chair placed on the King's Right Hand.

His R. H. Pr. *George* of *Denmark*,
Lord Chancellor,
Lord President,
Lord Privy Seal,
Duke of *Hamilton*,
Lord Chamberlain,
Earl of *Oxford*,
Earl of *Huntingdon*,
Earl of *Peterborow*,

Earl

Earl of *Craven*,
Earl of *Berkeley*,
Earl of *Rocheſter*,
Earl of *Moray*,
Earl of *Middleton*,
Earl of *Melfort*,
Earl of *Caſtlemain*,
Viſcount *Preſton*,
Lord *Bellaſyſe*,
Lord *Godolphin*,
Lord *Dover*,
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Maſter of the Rolls,
L. Ch. Juſtice *Herbert*,
Sir *Thomas Strickland*,
Sir *Nicholas Butler*,
Mr. *Titus*,
Lord A. B. of *Canterbury*,
Duke of *Norfolk*,
Duke of *Grafton*,
Duke of *Ormond*,
Duke of *Northumberland*,
Marqueſs of *Halyfax*,
Earl of *Pembroke*,
Earl of *Salisbury*,
Earl of *Clarendon*,
Earl of *Cardigan*,
Earl of *Ailesbury*,
Earl of *Burlington*,
Earl of *Litchfield*,
Earl of *Feverſham*,
Earl of *Nottingham*,
Viſcount *Newport*,
Viſcount *Weymouth*,
Biſhop of *London*,
Biſhop of *Wincheſter*,
Biſhop of *Rocheſter*,
Biſhop of *Cheſter*,
Biſhop of St. *Davids*,
Lord *North*,
Lord *Chandos*,
Lord *Montagu*,
Lord *Herbert* of *Chirbury*,
Lord *Vaughan* Earl of *Carbery*,
Lord *Colepeper*,
Lord *Churchill*,
Lord *Waldegrave*.

The Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of *London*.

Sir *Robert Wright*, Lord Chief Juſtice of the Kings Bench.

Sir *Thomas Powel*, } Juſtices of the Kings
Sir *Robert Baldock*, } Bench.

Sir

Sir *Thomas Street*,
Sir *Edward Lutwich*, } Juſtices of the Common Pleas.
Sir *Thomas Jennor*,

Sir *Richard Heath*,
Sir *Charles Ingleby*, } Barons of the Exchequer.
Sir *John Rotheram*,

Sir *John Maynard*,
Sir *John Holt*, } His Majeſties Serjeants at Law.
Sir *Ambroſe Philips*,

Sir *Thomas Powis*, His Majeſty's Attorney General.
Sir *William Williams*, His Majeſty's Solicitor General.
Sir *James Butler*.
Mr. *North*, the Queens Attorney.
Mr. *Montagu*, the Queens Solicitor.
Sir *Charles Porter*.

To whom His Majeſty ſpake to this Effect.

My Lords,

I Have called you together upon a very extraordinary Occaſion; but extraordinary Diſeaſes muſt have extraordinary Remedies. The Malicious Endeavours of my Enemies have ſo poiſoned the Minds of ſome of my Subjects, that by the Reports I have from all hands, I have Reaſon to believe, That very many do not think this Son with which God hath bleſſed Me, to be Mine, but a Suppoſed Child. But I may ſay,

ſay, that by particular Providence, ſcarce any Prince was ever Born where there were ſo many Perſons preſent.

I have taken this time to have the Matter Heard and Examined here, Expecting that the Prince of *Orange*, with the firſt Eaſtwardly Wind, will Invade this Kingdom: And as I have often ventured My Life for the Nation before I came to the Crown, ſo I think My Self more obliged to do the ſame, now I am KING; and do intend to go in Perſon againſt him, whereby I may be expoſed to Accidents, and therefore I thought it neceſſary to have this now done, in order to ſatisfie the minds of My Subjects, and to prevent this Kingdom's being engaged in Blood and Confuſion after My Death, deſiring to do always what may contribute moſt to the Eaſe and Quiet of My Subjects, which I have ſhewed by Securing to them their Liberty of Conſcience, and the Enjoyment of their Properties, which I will always preſerve.

I have Deſired the Queen Dowager to give Her Self the trouble to come hither, to Declare what ſhe knows of the Birth of My Son, and moſt of the Ladies, Lords, and other Perſons who were preſent, are ready here to Depoſe upon Oath their Knowledge of this Matter.

Whereupon the Queen Dowager was pleaſed to ſay,

THat when the King ſent for her to the Queens Labour, ſhe came as ſoon as ſhe could, and never ſtirred from her till ſhe was Delivered of the Prince of *Wales*. *Catherina R.*

And

And the following Depoſitions were all taken upon Oath.

Elizabeth *Lady Marchioneſs of* Powis, *Depoſeth*, THat about the 29th of *December* laſt, the Queen was likely to Miſcarry; whereupon ſhe immediatly went unto her, and offered her ſome effectual Remedies, which are made uſe of on the like Occaſion; which the Queen ordred this Deponent to acquaint the Doctors with. The day following the Queen Dowager ſent this Deponent to ſee how the Queen did; who replied, She had a pretty good Night, and did think ſhe had Quickned, but would not be poſitive till ſhe felt it again; That after this the Deponent did frequently wait on the Queen in the Morning, and did ſee her Shift her ſeveral days, and generaely ſaw the Milk, and ſometimes Wet upon her Smock. That ſome time, after this Deponent went into the Country, and came not up till a few days before the Queen was brought to Bed; and from the time of this Deponents Return, ſhe ſaw the Queen every day till ſhe was brought to Bed, and was in the Room a Quarter of an hour before, and at the time of her Delivery of the Prince by Mrs. *Wilks* Her Majeſty's Midwife, which this Deponent ſaw, and immediately went with the Prince, carried by Mrs. *Delabadie* into the Queens little Bed-chamber, where ſhe ſaw Sir *Thomas Witherley* ſent for by the Midwife, who gave the Child Three Drops of ſomething which came into the World with him, which this Deponent ſaw done; And this

Deponent

Deponent doth Aver, this Prince to be the ſame Child which was then Born, and that ſhe has never been from him one day ſince.

* *Eliza. Powis.*

Anne *Counteſs of* Aran *Depoſeth,*

THat ſhe went to the Queen from *Whitehall* to St. *James*'s as ſoon as ſhe heard that her Majeſty was in Labour; when ſhe came, ſhe found the Queen in Bed, complaining of little Pains; The Lady *Sunderland*, Lady *Roſcomon*, Mrs. *Labadie*, and the Midwife, were on that ſide of the Bed where the Queen lay; and this Deponent, with a great many others, ſtood on the other ſide all the time till the Queen was Delivered; As ſoon as her Majeſty was Delivered, ſhe ſaid, *O Lord, I don't hear the Child Cry*, and immediately upon that, this Deponent did hear it Cry, and ſaw the Midwife take the Child out of the Bed, and give it to Mrs. *Labadie*, who carried it into the little Bed-Chamber, where ſhe, this Deponent, followed her, and ſaw that it was a Son, and that likewiſe ſhe, the Deponent, hath ſeveral times ſeen Milk run out upon the Queens Smock during her being with Child.

A. Aran.

Penelope *Counteſs of* Peterborow *Depoſeth,*

THat ſhe was often with the Queen, while Her Majeſty was laſt with Child, and ſaw the Milk often upon her Majeſty's Smock, when ſhe, the Deponent, took it off from the Queen; and often ſaw her Majeſty's Belly ſo as it could not

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be otherwiſe but that ſhe was with Child. That the ſaid Deponent ſtood by the Bedſide on the 10th of *June* laſt in the Morning, while the Queen was Delivered of the Prince of *Wales*.

P. Peterborow.

Anne *Counteſs of* Sunderland *Depoſeth*,

THat *June* the 16th 1688, being *Trinity Sunday*, the Deponent went to St. *James*'s Chappel at eight of the Clock in the morning, intending to Receive the Sacrament; but in the beginning of the Communion Service, the Man which looks to the Chappel came to the Deponent, and told her, ſhe muſt come to the Queen; The Deponent ſaid, ſhe would as ſoon as Prayers were done; In a very little time after, another Man came up to the Altar to the Deponent, and ſaid, the Queen was in Labour, and the Deponent muſt come to her Majeſty, who then went directly to the Queens Bed-Chamber. As ſoon as the Deponent came in, her Majeſty told her, this Deponent, ſhe believed ſhe was in Labour. By this time the Bed was warmed, and the Queen went into Bed, and the King came in. The Queen asked the King, if he had ſent for the Queen Dowager; He ſaid he had ſent for every Body. The ſaid Deponent ſtood at the Queen's Boulſter, the Lady *Roſcomon*, Mrs. *Delabadie*, and the Midwife on that ſide of the Bed, where the Queen was Delivered. After ſome lingring Pains, the Queen ſaid, ſhe feared ſhe ſhould not be brought to Bed a good while; but enquiring of the Midwife, ſhe aſſured her Ma-

jesty, that she wanted only one thorow Pain to bring the Child into the World; Upon which the Queen said, It is impossible, the Child lies so high, and commanded this Deponent to lay her Hand on her Majesty's Belly, to feel how high the Child lay; which the Deponent did; but soon after a great Pain came on at past Nine of the Clock, and the Queen was Delivered; which the Midwife by pulling the *Deponent* by the Coat, assured her was a Son, it being the Sign she told the *Deponent* she would give her, the Queen having charged her not to let her Majesty know presently, whether it was Son or Daughter. As soon as the Midwife had given the *Deponent* the Sign, the *Deponent* made a Sign to the King that it was a Son. When the Midwife had done her Office, she gave the Child to Mrs. *Delabadie*, which was a Son, and she carried it into the little Bed-Chamber. *A. Sunderland.*

Isabella *Countess of* Roscommon *Deposeth*,

THat on the 10th of *June* last, she stood by the Lady *Sunderland* in the Queens Bed-Chamber, while the Queen was in Labour, and saw the Prince of *Wales*, when he was taken out of the Bed by the Midwife.

I. Roscommon.

Margaret *Countess of* Fingall *Deposeth*,

THat she waited on the Queen Dowager her Mistress into the Queens Bed-Chamber at St. *James's*, when the Queen was in Labour, and stood by the Bed's Feet, when her Majesty was Delivered

Delivered of the Prince. That the *Deponent* ſaw the Prince carried away into another Room, and ſoon after follow'd, and ſaw him in that Room.

* *Marg. Fingall.*

Lady Sophia Bulkeley *Depoſeth*,

THat ſhe was ſent for on *Trinity Sunday* laſt paſt about Eight a Clock in the Morning to go to St. *James*'s; for the Man that came, ſaid the Queen was in Labour, and he, and others were ſent to call every Body. That this *Deponent* made as much haſt as ſhe could to riſe and be dreſs'd, but did not get to the Queens Bed-chamber until a little after Nine a Clock, and then this *Deponent* found the Queen in her Bed, and the Queen Dowager there ſet upon a Stole, and ſome of the Ladies about her. After this *Deponent* having ſtaid a little while, and thinking the Queen in no ſtrong Pain, ſhe, this *Deponent*, went out, and, being next to the Room where the Queens Linen was a warming, heard a noiſe, and look'd to ſee what was the matter, and finding no Body there, this *Deponent* ran and found the Lord *Feverſham* in the Queens little Bed-Chamber, who told this *Deponent* the Child was juſt born; This *Deponent* ask'd him, what is it? His Lordſhip ſaid he could not tell. So this *Deponent* ran on to the Queens Bed-ſide, and heard the Queen ſay to the Midwife, Pray, Mrs. *Wilks*, don't part the Child (which ſignifies, don't cut the Navel-String, until the after-Birth is come away.) And while the Queen was with Child, this *Deponent* had heard her Majeſty Command

her Midwife not to do otherwiſe, it being counted much the ſafeſt way; but to what the Queen ſaid juſt then (to the beſt of this *Deponent's* Remembrance) Mrs. *Wilks* replied, Pray Madam, give me leave, for I will do nothing, but what will be ſafe for your Self and Child; The Queen Anſwered, Do then, and then cry'd where is the King gone? His Majeſty came immediately from the other ſide of the Bed (from juſt having a ſight of the Child) and anſwered the Queen, Here I am; the Queen ſaid, Why do you leave me now? The King kneeled on the Bed, on that ſide where the *Deponent* ſtood, and a little after the Midwife ſaid, all is now come ſafe away; Upon that the King roſe from the Bed, and ſaid, Pray my Lords, come and ſee the Child: The King follow'd Mrs. *Labadie*, and the Lords His Majeſty, into the little Bed-Chamber, where this *Deponent* follow'd alſo, and ſaw as well as they, that it was a Prince, and that Mrs. *Wilks* was in the right to deſire to part the Child, For the Prince's Face, eſpecially his Forehead was blackiſh, being ſtunn'd, as I have ſeen ſome other Children, when they have been juſt newly come into the World; but God be thanked, in two hours time that he was dreſs'd and waſh'd, (which the *Deponent* ſtaid by and ſaw done) the Prince look'd very freſh and well. This *Deponent* doth further add, That all the while, the Queen was with Child, this *Deponent* had the honour to pay her Duty very often Mornings and Nights, in waiting upon her Majeſty in her Dreſſing Room and Bed-Chamber, and for the laſt three or four Months,

Months, this *Deponent* hath oftentimes ſeen the Queens Milk, as well as when this *Deponent* hath had the honour to put on her Majeſty's Smock,

* *S. Bulkely.*

Suſanna *Lady* Bellaſyſe *Depoſeth*,

THat on *Trinity Sunday* the 10th of *June* laſt, the *Deponent*'s Servant ſeeing the Queen Dowager's Coaches in St. *James*'s at an unuſual hour, went and asked the Occaſion, and was told the Queen was in Labour; whereupon he came into the *Deponent*'s Chamber, and awaked her; That the Queen having come to Lodge at St. *James*'s but the Night before, they being in a great hurry, forgot to call the *Deponent* as her Majeſty had ordered; That the *Deponent* made all the haſte ſhe could into her Majeſties Bed-Chamber; and found the Queen in Bed, and Mrs. *Wilks* her Majeſty's Midwife, ſitting by the Bedſide, with her Hands in the Queen's Bed; The Queen asked her, the ſaid Midwife, what ſhe thought? Mrs. *Wilks* aſſured her Majeſty, that at the next great Pain the Child would be born; Whereupon the King ordered the Privy-Councellours to be called in; That this *Deponent* ſtood behind the Midwife's Chair, and immediately after the Queens having another great Pain, the Prince was Born; That this *Deponent* ſaw the Child taken out of the Bed with the Navel-ſtring hanging to its Belly; That this *Deponent* opened the Receiver, and ſaw it was a Son, and not hearing the Child cry, and ſeeing it a little black, ſhe was afraid it was in a Convulſion Fit.

S. Bellaſyſe.

Henrietta

Henrietta *Lady* Waldgrave, *Depoſeth*,

THat ſhe was in the Queen's Bed-Chamber a quarter of an hour before her Majeſty was Delivered, and ſtanding by the Bedſide, ſhe ſaw the Queen in Labour, and heard her cry out much.

* *Henrietta Waldgrave.*

Mrs. Mary Crane, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen Dowager, Depoſeth*,

THat ſhe went with the Queen Dowager to the Queen's Labour on the Tenth of *June* laſt, and never ſtirred out of the Room till the Queen was Delivered.

That this *Deponent* did not follow the Child, when it was firſt carried out of the Room, but ſtaid in the Bed-Chamber, and ſaw all that was to be ſeen after the Birth of a Child. That ſhe, the *Deponent*, then went to ſee the Prince, and found him look ill, and immediately went to the King, and told his Majeſty ſhe feared the Child was ſick; That his Majeſty went immediately to the Prince, and came back and ſaid it was a miſtake, the Child was very well.

* *Mary Crane.*

Dame Iſabella Wentworth, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen, Depoſeth*,

THat ſhe often ſaw the Milk of her Majeſty's Breaſt upon her Smock, at which the Queen was troubled, it being a common ſaying, that it was a ſign the Child would not live. And that ſhe, the *Deponent*, did once feel the Child ſtir in the Queens Belly while her Majeſty was in Bed,

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and that ſhe was preſent when the Child was Born, and ſtaid till ſhe heard it cry, and then went to fetch Vinegar for the Queen to ſmell to; ſhe, the *Deponent*, heard the Queen command the Midwife not to tell her of what Sex it was, for fear of ſurprizing Her Majeſty: When the *Deponent* brought the Vinegar, ſhe did deſire to ſee the Child, Mrs. *Delabadie* having it in her Arms. The Child looked black, whereupon the *Deponent* deſired Doctor *Waldegrave* to look to it, believing it was not well: That the *Deponent* ſaw the Navel-ſtring of the Child cut, and three drops of the Blood, which came freſh out, given to him for the Convulſion Fits.

Iſabella Wentworth.

Dame Catherine Sayer, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen Dowager, Depoſeth,*

THat ſhe waited on the Queen Dowager to the Queen's Labour, and was all the time by the Bedſide, and ſtood there, till the Queen was Delivered, and follow'd the Child, when it was carried by Mrs. *Delabadie* to the little Bed-Chamber, and took a warm Napkin and laid it on the Child's Breaſt, believing the Child was not well.

Catherina Sayer.

Dame Iſabella Waldegrave, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen, Depoſeth,*

THat ſhe was conſtantly with the Queen, her Majeſty was likely to miſcarry, and had often ſeen Milk in her Majeſty's Breaſt, and was with the Queen at the time of her Labour with

with the Prince, and ſaw the Prince taken out of the Bed, and went after Mrs. *Delabadie* with the Prince in her Arms into the little Bed-chamber, and was by when the Child was ſhewn to the King that it was a Son; and this *Deponent* took the After-burden, and put it into a Baſon of Water, and carried into the Queen's Cloſet.

* *Iſabella Waldegrave.*

Mrs. Margaret Dawſon, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-Chamber to the Queen, Depoſeth,*

THat on the Tenth of *June* laſt, in the Morning, ſhe was ſent for by the Queen out of St. *James*'s Chappel, where ſhe was at Prayers, and that coming up into the Queens Chamber, ſhe found her ſitting all alone upon a Stool by the Beds-head, when the Queen ſaid to her, this *Deponent*, ſhe believed her ſelf in Labour, and bid her, the *Deponent*, get the Pallat Bed, which ſtood in the next Room, to be made ready quickly for her; but that Bed having never been aired, the *Deponent* perſwaded the Queen not to make uſe of it: After which the Queen bid the *Deponent* make ready the Bed ſhe came out of, which was done accordingly. The *Deponent* further ſaith, That ſhe ſaw fire carried into the Queen's Room in a Warming-Pan to warm the Bed, after which the Queen went into her Bed, and that the *Deponent* ſtirred not from the Queen until her Majeſty was delivered of a Son. That ſhe this *Deponent*, well remembers, that on the 29th of *December* laſt her Majeſty was afraid of Miſcarrying, which was about the time ſhe quickned;

quickned, and that after the Queen had gone 22 Weeks with Child, her Majeſty's Milk began to run, which ſhe the *Deponent* often ſaw upon her Smock, and that the 9th of *May* her Majeſty apprehended miſcarrying again with a Fright.

Margaret Dawſon.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bromley, *One of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen, depoſeth,*

THat ſhe was ſick all Winter, till a little before *Eaſter* laſt, when ſhe the *Deponent* came into Waiting; That from that Time till the Queen was brought to Bed, ſhe the *Deponent* ſaw the Queen put on her Smock every Morning, by which means ſhe ſaw the Milk conſtantly fall out of her Majeſty's Breaſts, and obſerved the Bigneſs of her Majeſty's Belly, which could not be counterfeit. That the *Deponent* came from *Whitehal* to the Queen's Labour to St. *James*'s the Tenth of *June* laſt, and remained in the Room till the Queen was delivered and afterwards; but did not follow the Child, till ſome time after, when ſhe the *Deponent* went to ſee what colour'd Eyes he had.

Elizabeth Bromley.

Mrs. Pelegrina Turini, *One of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen; depoſeth,*

THat ſhe conſtantly attended the Queen, when ſhe was laſt with Child, and that on the Tenth of *June* laſt, ſhe was in Waiting on her Majeſty, who called her on the ſaid Tenth of *June* in the Morning, and told her the *Depo-*

nent, ſhe was in Pain, and bid her ſend for the Midwife, her Ladies and Servants, after which ſhe the *Deponent* ſtay'd with the Queen during her Labour, and until ſhe was delivered of the *Prince* of *Wales*.

* The Mark of *Pelegrina X Turini*.

Mrs. Anna Cary, *One of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the* Queen Dowager, *depoſeth*,

THat ſhe waited on the *Queen Dowager* from *Somerſet-houſe* to St. *James*'s the Day the Queen was brought to Bed, and went into the Queen's Bed-chamber, where ſhe this *Deponent* ſtay'd, till the Queen was deliver'd, and ſaw the Prince as ſoon as he was born.

* *Anna Cary.*

Mrs. Mary Anne Delabadie, *Dry Nurſe to the Prince*, *depoſeth*,

THat ſhe was with the *Queen* all the time her Majeſty was with Child, and dreſs'd her every Day, and in all the Nine Months did not miſs above Six Days, and that at ſeveral times by reaſon of Sickneſs.

That on *Sunday* Morning the Tenth of *June* laſt, ſhe the *Deponent* was ſent for to the *Queen*, who was in Labour, That the *Deponent* came preſently, and was with the *Queen* all the Time of her Labour, and that kneeling down by the Midwife, giving her Cloaths for the *Queen*, the Midwife told this *Deponent*, that immediately on the next Pain, the *Queen* would be delivered, which accordingly ſhe was. That this *Depo-*

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nent whiſper'd to the Midwife, asking whether it was a Girl, ſhe anſwer'd No; whereupon the Midwife parted the Child, and put it into the Receiver (that the *Deponent* had given her) and then delivered the Child to the *Deponent*, and bid her go and carry it to the Fire, and take care of the Navel, which this *Deponent* did, and the King and Council followed her, and the King asked this *Deponent*, what it was, who anſwered, what he deſired; the King replyed, But let me ſee, whereupon the Deponent preſently ſhewed his Majeſty that it was a Son, and the Privy Counſellours then preſent ſaw it one after another. The *Deponent* ſat with the Prince in her Lap, till the Midwife had done with the *Queen*, then the Midwife came and took the Prince from this *Deponent*, and asked for a Spoon for to give it Three Drops of the Blood of the Navel-ſtring, which the Midwife cut off by the Advice of the Phyſicians, who ſaid, it was good againſt Fits. That the *Deponent* held the Spoon when the Midwife dropp'd the Blood into it, and ſtirr'd it with a little Black Cherry Water, and then it was given to the Prince; that the *Queen* ſent for this *Deponent*, and gave her the Prince to take care of him in quality of Dry Nurſe, which ſhe has hitherto done; and further depoſeth it to be the ſame Child that was born of the *Queen*. And that Mrs. *Danvers*, One of the Princeſs of *Denmark*'s Women, and formerly Nurſe to the Lady *Iſabella*, coming to ſee the Prince, ſhe told this *Deponent*,

ſhe was glad to ſee the ſame Marks upon his Eye, as the *Queen*'s former Children had.

* *Mary Anne Delabadie.*

Mrs. Judith Wilks *depoſeth,*

THat being the *Queen*'s Midwife, ſhe came often to her, eſpecially when her Majeſty was in any Danger of miſcarrying, and many times felt the Child ſtir in her Belly, and ſaw the Milk run out of her Majeſty's Breaſts; That on *Trinity Sunday* laſt in the Morning about Eight of the Clock, the *Queen* ſent Mr. *White*, Page of the Back-ſtairs, to call her this *Deponent*, believing her ſelf in Labour; when the *Deponent* came, ſhe found the *Queen* in great Pain and Trembling; the *Queen* told her ſhe feared it was her Labour, it being near the Time of her firſt Reckoning, ſhe the *Deponent* deſired her Majeſty not to be afraid, ſaying, ſhe did not doubt that it was her full Time, and hoped her Majeſty would have as good Labour as ſhe always had; and whilſt her Majeſty was ſitting trembling, her Water broke, and immediately ſhe ſent for the King, he being gone to his own Side, and let him know in what Condition ſhe was, and deſired him to ſend for whom he pleaſed to be preſent. The *Queen* ordered this *Deponent* to ſend for Mrs. *Dawſon* and the reſt of her Women; Mrs. *Dawſon* came preſently, and the Counteſs of *Sunderland* with her, and the reſt of the Women alſo; that moſt of them ſaw her this *Deponent* make the Bed fit for the *Queen* to be delivered in; which when it was ready

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her Majeſty was put into, and about Ten a Clock that Morning, the *Queen* was delivered of the Prince of *Wales* by her this *Deponent*'s Aſſiſtance, and afterwards ſhe the *Deponent* ſhewed the After-burthen to the Phyſicians, and before them the *Deponent* cut the Navel-ſtring, and gave the Prince Three Drops of his Blood, to prevent Convulſion Fits, according to their Order. And this *Deponent* further ſaith, That when the Child was born, it not crying, the *Queen* ſaid ſhe thought it was dead, this *Deponent* aſſured her Majeſty it was not, and deſired Leave to part the Child from the After-burthen: Which the *Queen* was unwilling to have done, thinking it might be dangerous to her ſelf; but the *Deponent* aſſuring her Majeſty it would not, her Majeſty gave Conſent; whereupon the Child preſently cryed, and then the *Deponent* gave it to Mrs. *Labadie*.

* *Judith Wilkes.*

Mrs. Elizabeth Pearſe, *Laundreſs to the Queen, depoſeth,*

THat about Nine of the Clock on the 10th of *June* laſt in the Morning, ſhe came into the Bed-chamber, and heard the *Queen* cry out, being in great Pain, in which ſhe continued until her Delivery; after which ſhe the *Deponent* ſaw the Prince of *Wales* given by the Midwife to Mrs. *Labadie*; That immediately after the *Deponent* ſaw the Midwife hold up the After-burthen, ſhewing it to the Company, and then the Deponent fetch'd her Maids, and with

with them took away all the foul Linnen hot as they came from the *Queen*; That for a Month after her Majeſty's Lying in, the *Deponent* well knows by the waſhing of her Linnen, that the *Queen* was in the ſame Condition that all other Women uſe to be on the like Occaſion; And that ſome time after her quick'ning it appeared by her Smocks, that her Majeſty had Milk in her Breaſts, which continued until ſhe was brought to Bed, and afterwards during the uſual Time. *Elizabeth Pearſe.*

Frances *Dutcheſs of* Richmond *and* Lenox, *depoſeth*,

THat ſhe the *Deponent* was not at the *Queen*'s Labour, becauſe ſhe did not know it Time enough, but as ſoon as ſhe did, ſhe made all the Haſte ſhe could to dreſs her; but the *Queen* was delivered before ſhe the *Deponent* came; And that at a Time when the *Queen* apprehended ſhe ſhould miſcarry, and the Phyſicians made her Majeſty keep her Bed for that Reaſon, the *Deponent* went one Evening to wait upon her Majeſty, and as ſhe ſtood by her Bed-ſide, her Majeſty ſaid to her, *My Milk is now very troubleſome, it runs out ſo much.* The *Deponent* asked the *Queen* if it uſed to do ſo; who anſwered, *It uſed to run out a little, but now the Fright I am in of miſcarrying, makes it run out very much, as you may ſee*, throwing down the Bed Cloaths to the Middle of her Stomach, and ſhewing her Smock upon her Breaſt to the ſaid *Deponent*, which was very wet with her Milk.

* *F. Richmond* and *Lenox.*

Charlotte

Charlotte, *Counteſs of* Litchfield, *depoſeth*,

THat ſhe was not at the *Queen*'s Labour, (being in Child-bed her ſelf) but that ſhe was almoſt conſtantly with the *Queen*, while ſhe was with Child, and hath put on her Smock, and ſeen the Milk run out of her Breaſt, and felt her Belly; ſo that ſhe is ſure ſhe could not be deceived, but that the *Queen* was with Child.

* *C. Litchfield.*

Anne *Counteſs of* Mariſchall, *depoſeth*,

THat ſhe was ſeveral times in the *Queen*'s Bed-chamber when ſhe ſhifted her ſelf, and hath ſeen her Smock ſtain'd with her Milk; That ſhe was not at the *Queen*'s Labour, tho' ſent to by One of her Ladies, being ſick of a Fever; but does in her Conſcience believe her Majeſty was with Child, both by her Belly and her Milk.

A. Mariſchall.

George *Lord* Jeffreys, *Lord Chancellour of* England, *depoſeth*,

THat he being ſent for to St. *James*'s on the Tenth of *June* laſt by a Meſſenger that left Word the *Queen* was in Labour; ſoon after he, this Deponent, came to St. *James*'s, and was ſent for into the *Queen*'s Bed-chamber, and to the beſt of his, the Deponent's Apprehenſion the *Queen* was in Labour, and had a Pain or two to the beſt of the Deponent's Remembrance, before the reſt of the Lords were called in. The Deponent ſtood all the time at the

Queen

Queen's Bedside, and heard her cry out several Times as Women in Travail use to do, and at length after a long Pain, it was by some of the Women on the other Side of the Bed said the Child was born. The Deponent heard the *Queen* say, she did not hear it cry. The Deponent immediately ask'd the Lord President what it was, he whispered that it was a Boy, which the Deponent understood he had hinted to him by the Lady *Sunderland*. Immediately the Deponent saw a Gentlewoman, who he hath since heard her Name to be Mrs. *Labadie*, carry the Child into another Room, whither the Deponent followed, and saw the Child when she first opened it, and saw it was black and reeking; so that it plainly seemed to this Deponent to have been newly come from the Womb. The Deponent doth therefore depose, he doth stedfastly believe the *Queen* was delivered of that Child that very Morning.

Jeffreys C.

Robert *Earl of* Sunderland, *Lord President of His Majesty's Privy Council, and Principal Secretary of State, deposeth,*

THat on *Sunday* Morning the 10th of *June* last, he was sent to, to come to St. *James*'s, the *Queen* being in Labour. The Deponent immediately went, and found many Lords of the Council there. After having been some time in an outward Room, first the Lord Chancellour, and then the rest of the Council were called into the *Queen*'s Bed-chamber, where in a short

ſhort time her Majeſty was brought to Bed. The Deponent ſaw Mrs. *Labadie* carry the Child into the next Room, whither the Deponent followed, with many more, and ſaw it was a Son, and had the Marks of being new born.

Sunderland P.

Henry *Lord* Arundel *of* Wardour, *Lord Privy Seal*, *depoſeth*,

THat on the 10th of *June* laſt, being *Sunday*, he had Notice given him that the *Queen* was in Labour; whereupon the Deponent repaired to St. *James*'s betwixt Nine and Ten of the Clock in the Morning, where he found ſeveral Lords of the Council; in a little time after they were all called into the *Queen*'s Bed-chamber; in leſs than a Quarter of an Hour after, ſhe fell into the Sharpneſs of her Labour, her Cries were ſo vehement, and eſpecially the laſt, that the Deponent could not forbid himſelf the being concern'd for her great Pain; which the Deponent expreſſing to the Lord Chancellour, he told the Deponent it was a Sign Her Majeſty would the ſooner be delivered, or Words to that Purpoſe, which proved very true, for preſently after ſhe was ſo; the Deponent heard a Whiſpering up and down that it was a Prince, for no Man was permitted to ſpeak it aloud, leſt the ſudden Knowledge of it might have diſcompoſed the Queen; the Deponent did not go in with ſome Lords when the Child was carry'd into the next Room, which

was the Occaſion the Deponent did not ſee him when he was uncovered and dreſs'd.

* *Arundel* C. P. S.

John *Earl of* Mulgrave, *Lord Chamberlain of His Majeſty's Houſhold, ſaith, it is not to be expected one of his Sex ſhould be able to give full Evidence in ſuch a Matter, but depoſeth,*

THat he was juſt at the Bed's Feet, and heard the Queen cry very much, then the *Deponent* followed the Child into the other Room, and it ſeemed a little black; the Deponent alſo ſaw it was a Boy.

Mulgrave.

William *Earl of* Craven, *depoſeth,*

THat he attending the King at St. *James's*, the 10th of *June* laſt, in the Morning, to receive the Word of his Majeſty; the King had Notice brought him, that the Queen was upon the Point of falling into Labour, upon which the King commanded this *Deponent*'s Stay and Attendance; and after the Space of One Hour and ſomething more, this *Deponent* was, with ſome other Lords of his Majeſty's Privy Council, called into the Queen's Great Bed-chamber to be preſent at her Delivery, and as near as this *Deponent* can remember, the Queen made Three Groans or Squeeks, and at the Laſt of Three was delivered of a Child; the which was carry'd out into the Little Bed-chamber; and there by the Fire this *Deponent* ſaw

ſaw it cleanſing: And this *Deponent* further ſaith, That he took that particular Mark of this Child, that he may ſafely averr, that the Prince of *Wales* is that very Child that then was ſo brought out of the Queen's Great Bed-chamber, where this *Deponent* and others were preſent, as aforeſaid, at her Majeſty's Labour and Delivery.

Craven.

Lewis *Earl of* Feverſham, *Lord Chamberlain to Her Majeſty the Queen Dowager, depoſeth,*

THat being in Bed upon the 10th of *June* between 8 and 9 a Clock in the Morning, Mr. *Nicholas*, One of his Majeſty's Grooms of his Bed-chamber, came into this *Deponent*'s Room, and told him that the King had ſent him to tell the *Queen Dowager*, that the Queen was in Labour, and told him further that the *Queen Dowager* had given Order for her Coach, as ſoon as ſhe heard the News of the Queen's Labour. The *Deponent* dreſſed himſelf with all ſpeed, and came to wait upon the Queen Dowager, who was ready to go into her Coach, as ſhe did; the *Deponent* went into One of her Coaches to wait upon her Majeſty as he us'd to do, having the Honour to be her Lord Chamberlain; we went to St. *James*'s, and then led her Majeſty into the Queen's Bed-chamber, and finding the Queen in Pain, the Deponent went into the next Room, where were ſeveral Lords of the Privy Council, from whence the *Deponent* heard the *Queen* cry out ſe-

veral times, and a very little after the Lords of the Council were called in, and the *Deponent* followed them into the Bed-chamber, and a very little after the *Queen* cry'd louder, and then ſaid, Pray do not tell me what it is yet. The *Deponent* went out of the Room, to tell the News, that the *Queen* was brought to Bed; and when the *Deponent* came in again, the News was, that it was a Prince; and immediately the *Deponent* ſaw Mrs. *Labadie* with the Child wrapp'd up in her Hands, and in the Crowd; upon which the *Deponent* deſired to make room for the Prince, and followed her into the Little Bed-chamber, where the *Deponent* ſaw the Prince as a Child newly born, as he believed it.

Feverſham.

Alexander *Earl of* Morray *depoſeth*,

THat he came not to St. *James*'s till half an Hour after the *Queen* was brought to Bed, and only heard that her Majeſty was brought to Bed of a Prince, which the *Deponent* verily believes, as he is alive, ſhe brought into the World that very Morning, being the 10th of *June* laſt, 1688.

* *Morray.*

Charles *Earl of* Middleton, *One of his Majeſty's principal Secretaries of State, depoſeth*,

THat the 10th of *June* laſt paſt, betwixt 8 and 9 of the Clock in the Morning, he had Notice that the *Queen*'s Majeſty was in Labour, whereupon the *Deponent* made what

what Haſte he could to St. *James*'s; the *Deponent* found the Earl of *Craven* waiting at the *Queen*'s Bed-chamber Door towards the Drawing-room, which was then ſhut; juſt after the King opened it, and called the Earl of *Craven* and the *Deponent* in; the *Deponent* asked his Majeſty, how the *Queen* was? He was pleaſed to anſwer the *Deponent*, you are a married Man, and ſo may know theſe Matters; the Water is broke or come away, or to that effect; and then bid the *Deponent* go into the Dreſſing-room within the Bed-chamber, where the *Deponent* found ſeveral Perſons of *Quality*; above half an Hour after, to the beſt of this *Deponent*'s Memory, all the Company in that Room were called into the Bed-chamber; the *Deponent* ſtood near the Bed's Feet on the left Side, where he heard the Queen's Groans, and preſently after ſeveral loud Shrieks; the laſt, the Deponent remembers continued ſo long, that he then wondred how any Body could hold their Breath ſo long; preſently after, the Deponent heard them ſay, the Queen was delivered: Whereupon the Deponent ſtepped up to the Bed-ſide, and ſaw a Woman, he ſuppoſes, the Midwife, kneeling at the other Side of the Bed, who had her Hands and Arms within the Bed-cloaths for a pretty while, then the *Deponent* ſaw her ſpread a Cloth upon her Lap, and laid the End of it over the Bed-cloaths, and then fetch a Child (as the Deponent firmly believes, for he could not then ſee it) out of the Bed into that Cloth, and give it to Mrs. *Labadie*, who brought

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it round to the Side where the *Deponent* ſtood, and carry'd it into a little Room, into which the *Deponent* immediately followed the King, and ſaw her ſit down by the Fire, and heard her ſay, It is a Boy; upon which the King ſaid, Let me ſee it; thereupon ſhe laid open the Cloth, and ſhewed all the Child, ſaying, There's what you wiſh to ſee; The Deponent doth not charge his Memory with the very Words, but the Senſe of what he heard. The Deponent looked upon the Child at the ſame time, which appeared to be very foul. This Deponent deſireth Pardon if he doth not know the proper Expreſſion, but hopes his Meaning is plain.

Middleton.

John *Earl of* Melfort, *depoſeth*,

THat on *Sunday* the 10th of *June* laſt, betwixt 8 and 9 in the Morning, the *Deponent* was informed, that the Queen was in Labour; The Deponent went to St. *James's* and waited in the Queen's Drawing-room till ſome of the Gentlemen told him he might go in; the Deponent ſcratched at the Door of the Bed-chamber, and finding no Anſwer, he ran down by the Garden Side and came to the Queen's Back-ſtairs, and finding the Dreſſing-room Door open, the *Deponent* went into the Queen's Bed-chamber, where he ſaw a great Number of Company, Lords and Ladies ſtanding about the Bed: The Deponent heard the Queen cry out in great Pain, as Women uſe to do when they

they are near being brought to Bed; the Deponent heard her complain, and a Woman's Voice which the Deponent thought to be the Midwife, telling her, ſhe would be quickly well, ſhe would be brought to Bed immediately; within a little the Deponent heard the Ladies behind the Bed ſay, the Queen was brought to Bed, and the Queen cry out, The Child is dead, I do not hear it cry, and immediately the Child cryed; within a little the Deponent ſaw a Woman bring a Child from within the Bed; the Deponent looked ſo earneſtly at the Child, that he knew not what Woman it was; the Child was in the Condition of a new born Child, lapp'd up in looſe Cloaths; the Deponent ſaw him carried into the Little Bed-chamber, and went about by the Dreſſing-room, and entred by the other Door into the Room where the Prince was, and ſaw him in the Condition of a new born Child; and the Deponent by the Oath he hath taken, believes him to be the Queen's Child.

* *Melfort.*

Sidney *Lord* Godolphin, *Lord Chamberlain to the Queen, depoſeth,*

THat he was called into the Queen's *Bed-chamber*, with the reſt of the Lords of the Council, being one of the laſt; and the Queen Dowager being there, and ſeveral Ladies, the Room was ſo full that the Deponent could not get near the *Bed*, but ſtood by the Chimney; There the Deponent heard the Queen cry out ſeveral times, as Women uſe to do that are in Labour; and the laſt

laſt Cry that the Deponent heard, was much greater than the other; immediately upon that, the Deponent was called out of the Room, to give ſome Directions about the Lodgings that were preparing for the Child, which were not ready; the *Deponent* made haſt back again, but as he was coming, he met People running with the News that the Queen was Deliver'd of a Son, whereupon the Deponent went into the little *Bed-Chamber*, and ſaw the Child.

Godolphin.

Sir Stephen Fox, *Knight*, *Depoſeth*,

THat on *Sunday* the 10th of *June* laſt paſt, about 9 of the Clock, as he came out of the Chappel at *Whitehall* after the firſt Sermon, hearing that the Queen was in Labour, he, the Deponent, made haſte to St. *James*'s, becauſe in waiting, as an Officer of the Green Cloth, to warn the ſeveral Servants below Stairs to be in their Offices, that upon that occaſion there might not happen to be any thing wanting of Houſhold Proviſions and Neceſſaries under his, this Deponent's, Command; but firſt going up by the Back-Stairs, into her Majeſty's Dreſſing-Room, and being there with many others, he heard her Majeſty cry out very loudly; whereupon this Deponent haſtned to the *Green-Cloth*, and ordered the ſeveral Servants to deliver out of their ſeveral Offices whatſoever ſhould be called for, and as this Deponent was returning back to the Queen's ſaid Dreſſing-Room, he was told, A Prince was Born: Upon which News, He, this Deponent, went

went into the Queen's Little Bed-chamber, and saw the young Child before he was dress'd.

Ste. Fox.

Lieut. Col. Edward Griffin, *deposeth*,

THat upon *Sunday* the 10th of *June* last, he had the Honour to be in waiting upon the King with the Stick, and between 8 and 9 in the Morning, this Deponent was in the Queen's Dressing Room at St. *James*'s, with several Lords of the Council, and after some time we were there, the King came out of the Queen's *Bed-chamber*, and called all the Lords in, and this Deponent went in along with them, being in-waiting; immediately after the said Lords and this Deponent were in the Room, the Queen cryed out extremely, and said, *Oh, I die*; *you kill me, you kill me*: And the Midwife (as this Deponent believeth) answered, *This one Pain, Madam, and 'twill be over*; then presently Mrs. *Dawson* made this Deponent the Sign that the Child was born: Then this *Deponent* heard the Queen say, *Don't tell me what it is yet*; and Mrs. *Dawson* came to this Deponent, and whispered him in the Ear, *'Tis a Prince, but don't take notice of it yet*: Then Mrs. *Delabadie* brought away the Child from the *Bed-side*, and carry'd it into the Little Bed-chamber, and the King and the Lords of the Council went after her, but this Deponent did not follow them. *Edward Griffin.*

Sir Charles Scarburgh, *First Physician to the King, deposeth*,

THat upon the Deponent's coming to Visit Her Majesty then lying at St. *James*'s on *Sunday* the 10th of *June*, 1688. as

the Deponent went up the Back-ſtairs, he heard the joyful Acclamation that a Prince of *Wales* was born, upon which the Deponent haſtned preſently into the Little Bed-chamber, where the Deponent found Mrs. *Labadie* juſt ſitting down before the Fire, with the new born Prince wrapped in the Mantles, lying in her Lap. Then paſſing to the Queen in the next Bed-chamber, the Deponent congratulated the happy Birth of the Prince, and her Majeſty's ſafe Delivery. The Queen was wearied and panting, but otherwiſe in good Condition: Then the *Midwife* brought to the Deponent the *After-birth* reeking warm, which Sir *Thomas Witherley* with the Deponent examined, and found very ſound and perfect. After a while the Deponent underſtood that a *Medicine* was mentioned among the Ladies for a certain Remedy againſt Convulſions: It was ſome Drops of Blood from the Navel-ſtring; the Deponent conſulted Sir *Thomas Witherley* and the other Phyſicians; and to ſatisfie the Women, it was allowed of; there being, as was conceived, no Danger in the thing. Whereupon, the *Midwife*, with a ſmall Knife ſlit the Navel-ſtring beyond the Ligature, from which came ſome Drops of freſh Blood, taken in a Spoon, and given the Child, being mixed with a little *Black-cherry-water*. Thus much the Deponent hath to ſay upon her Majeſty's preſent Delivery.

Now for the Time of the Queen's Conception, ſhe often told the Deponent and others, that ſhe had two Reckonings; One, from *Tueſday* the 6th of *September*, when the King returned from his Progreſs to the Queen then at *Bath*; and the other, from *Thurſday* the 6th of *October*, when the Queen came

came to the King at *Windſor*; but for ſome Reaſons the Queen rather reckoned from the latter; tho' afterward it proved juſt to agree with the former. *Moreover*, her Majeſty, when, according to her Reckoning, ſhe was gone with Child 12 Weeks, ſaid, That ſhe was quick, and perceived the Child to move; the Deponent returned no Anſwer to the Queen, but privately told thoſe about her, that in truth it could not ſo be in ſo ſhort a Time. Yet the Queen was in the right, only miſtook her Reckoning; for ſhe was then full Sixteen Weeks gone with Child; about which time ſhe uſually quickned with her former Children, and accordingly was brought to Bed on the 10th of *June* 1688, and within Three or Four Days of full Forty Weeks. *Charles Scarburgh.*

Sir Thomas Witherley, *ſecond Phyſician to the King, depoſeth,*

THat on *Sunday* the 10th of *June*, the Deponent was preſent in the Queens *Bed-chamber*, when the Prince of *Wales* was born; the Deponent ſaw Mrs. *Labadie* bring the Child from the Midwife, and carry him into the next Room, whither the Deponent followed her, and ſaw the Child before he was cleaned; and having a Command from the Queen, that there ſhould be Two Drops of the Blood of the After-burthen given the firſt thing; we the ſaid Deponent and the other Phyſicians did take Two Drops of Blood from the Navel-ſtring which remained upon the Child, and gave it in a Spoonful of *Black-cherry-water*, as the Queen commanded. After this the Deponent ſaw (as alſo did the other Phyſicians) the After-burthen entire. *Tho. Witherley.* *Sir*

Sir William Waldgrave *Knt. Her Majesty's first Physician, Deposeth,*

THat in the Progress of Her Majesty's being with Child, the Deponent having the Honour to wait upon Her as usual, upon the 13th of *February* 1687. about Ten in the Morning, she told the Deponent, she had Milk in her *Breasts* which dropp'd out; it was then thought the 19th Week according to One Reckoning, but according to Another Reckoning, it was the One or Two and Twentieth Week; The Deponent also Affirmeth, that Her Majesty took such Adstringent Medicines, during the most part of her being with Child, in order to avoid Miscarriage; That if she had not been with Child, they must have been Prejudicial to her Health, and of dangerous Consequence. Upon the 10th of *June* 1688. the Deponent was called at his Lodging in *Whitehall* to wait upon the Queen, being told she was in Labour, upon which the Deponent immediately went to St. *James*'s, and so into the Queen's *Bed-Chamber*, and found her beginning her Labour, it being about Eight of the Clock in the Morning; The Deponent stirr'd not from thence, but to get such Medicines as were fit for Her Majesty, and then return'd again, and was in the *Bed-Chamber* when she Cry'd out, and was Deliver'd; The Deponent followed Mrs. *Delabadie*, who took the Prince in her Arms so soon as he was Born, and carried him into the little *Bed-Chamber*, where the Deponent saw him upon her Lap, and was by when he took two or three drops of the Navel-string fresh warm Blood, which was mix'd with *Black-Cher-*

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ry-Water, then returned into the great Bed-Chamber, where the Deponent saw the After-burthen fresh and warm. * *William Waldgrave.*

Dr. Robert Brady, *one of His Majesty's Physicians in Ordinary, Deposeth,*

THat a little before Ten of the Clock in the Morning, on the Tenth of *June* 1688. the Deponent was in the Queen's little *Bed-Chamber* at St. *James*'s, where the Deponent saw the Prince of *Wales* in Mrs. *Labadie*'s Lap by the Fire side; the *Deponent* desired to see the Linnen and Blankets opened in which he was wrapped; which being done, the *Deponent* saw it was a Male Child, and the Navel-string hanging down to, or below the Virile parts, with a Ligature upon it, not far from the *Body*, but did not see any After-burthen, hanging at, or joined to it, not being at the *Birth*; The *Deponent* asked how long he had been Born, the standers by told him, At three Quarters of an Hour after Nine of the Clock, the Queen was delivered. *Robert Brady.*

James St. Amand, *their Majesties Apothecary, Deposeth,*

THat from the beginning of *November* last, he hath generally every day, till the 9th of *June* 1688. given, by the Physicians Orders, Restringent and Corroborating Medicines to the Queen's Majesty; That on the 10th of *June* he was sent for in haste to come to St. *James*'s to her Majesty, who, the Messenger told him, was in Labour; That the Deponent then received a Note from the Physicians for Medicines for her Majesty, which the Deponent was obliged to stay and prepare

prepare, and ſo came not to St. *James*'s till the Queen was Delivered; the Deponent meeting, juſt as he was going into the *Bed-Chamber*, Mrs. *Labadie* with the Young Prince in her Arms; the KING, and ſeveral of the Lords, ſoon after following into the little *Bed-Chamber*; where the Deponent ſaw the Child Naked, before it was Cleanſed from the Impurities of its Birth; and alſo ſaw the Navel-ſtring cut, and ſome drops of freſh Blood received into a Spoon, which the Deponent mingled with a little *Black-Cherry-Water*, and ſaw given by the Phyſicians Orders to the Child; And afterwards going into the Great *Bed-Chamber*, where the Queen was delivered, he ſaw the After-burthen, *&c.* freſh. *Ja. St. Amand.*

After theſe Depoſitions were taken, His Majeſty was pleaſed to acquaint the Lords, That the Princeſs *Anne* of *Denmark* would have been preſent; but that ſhe being with Child, and having not lately ſtirred abroad, could not come ſo far without hazard. *Adding further*,

AND now, My Lords, although I did not queſtion but every Perſon here preſent was ſatisfy'd before in this Matter; yet by what You have heard, You will be better able to ſatisfie Others. Beſides, if I and the Queen could be thought ſo Wicked as to Endeavour to Impoſe a Child upon the Nation, You ſee how impoſſible it would have been; neither could I My Self be impoſed upon, having conſtantly been with the Queen during Her being with Child, and the whole Time of Her Labour. And there is none of You but will eaſily believe Me, who have ſuffered ſo much for Conſcience-ſake, uncapable of ſo great a Villany, to the Prejudice of My Own Children. And I thank God, that thoſe that know Me, know well that it is My Principle to do as I would be done by, for that is the Law and the Prophets: And I would rather die a Thouſand Deaths, than do the leaſt Wrong to any of My Children.

His Majeſty further ſaid,

IF any of my Lords think it Neceſſary the Queen ſhould be ſent for, it ſhall be done. *But their Lordſhips not thinking it Neceſſary, Her Majeſty was not ſent for.*

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IT is order'd this Day by His Majeſty in Council, That the ſeveral Declarations here before made by His Majeſty, and by Her Majeſty the Queen-Dowager, together with the ſeveral Depoſitions here entred, be forthwith Enrolled in the Court of Chancery. *And the Lord Chancellour is ordered to cauſe the ſame to be Enrolled accordingly.*

IN Purſuance of which Order in Council, the Lord Chancellour on *Saturday* the 27*th.* day of *October* following in the High Court of *Chancery* (many of the Nobility and Lords of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council being there preſent) cauſed the aforeſaid Order of Council and *Declarations* of his Majeſty, and likewiſe that of her Majeſty the Queen *Dowager* to be openly and diſtinctly Read in Court, as the ſame are Entred in the Words aforeſaid, in the Council Book. And the Lords and Ladies, and other Perſons who made the reſpective *Depoſitions* aforeſaid, being preſent in Court, were Sworn again, and having heard their ſeveral *Depoſitions* diſtinctly Read in the Words aforeſaid, and being ſeverally Interrogated by the Court to the Truth thereof, they all upon their Oaths affirmed their reſpective *Depoſitions* to be True; and did likewiſe depoſe (except ſome few, who came in late to the Council Chamber, or ſome who ſtood at too great a diſtance) that they heard His Majeſty, and Her Majeſty the Queen-*Dowager* make the ſeveral Declarations aforeſaid, and that the ſame as they had been Read, were truly Entred as they did believe, in the Council Book, according to the Senſe, Intent and Meaning of what His Majeſty the King, and Her Majeſty the Queen-*Dowager* did then declare. And for as much as the Earl of *Huntingdon* and the Earl of *Peterborow*, who were able to depoſe to the Matters aforeſaid, had not been Examined at the Council Board, but had brought their ſeveral *Depoſitions* in Writing, which they delivered into Court, the ſaid Lord Chancellor, after the ſaid Earls were ſeverally Sworn, Ordered their *Depoſitions* to be openly Read in theſe Words following.

UPon *Trinity Sunday*, 10th. *June*, 1688 I went to St. *James's* Houſe about Nine a Clock in the Morning, and followed my Lord Chancellour, through the Lodgings to the Dreſſing-Room, next to the Queen's *Bed Chamber*, where divers Lords of the Council were met upon occaſion of the Queen's being in Labour, the King came ſeveral times into the Room, and amongſt other things was pleaſed to tell us, that the Queen came exactly according to Her firſt Reckoning,

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which was from the King's Return from His Progress, to *Bath* in *September*, 1687. After this the Counsellours were ordered to come into the *Bed-Chamber*, and I stood on that side of the *Bed*, that had the Curtains drawn open, I heard Her Majesty Cry out several times. I staid in the Room during the Birth of the Prince of *Wales*. I saw him carried into the little *Bed Chamber*, whither the King, the Lords and my self in particular did follow him. *Huntingdon.*

I Had the Honour to be in the King's Chamber in the Morning, when Word was brought him, the Queen was not well, and followed him into the Dressing Room next Her Majesty's *Bed-Chamber*, where I staid till His Majesty called me to come in, which was about the beginning of Her Pains. I Confess the Compassion I had for Her Majesty, hearing Her Cries, made my stay there very uneasy, One of the last especially seemed to me so Sharp, as it really forced me for a little time to stop my Ears with my Fingers to avoid hearing more of the like; when setting them at Liberty, I heard no more but perceived a sudden Satisfaction in the Faces of the Assistants, several saying, that the Queen was delivered, and soon thereupon I saw the Prince brought from about the Bed, and carried into the little Bed Chamber, whither I went afterwards to behold him more particularly, where I saw him as a Child newly Born. * *Peterborow.*

After which the said Earls did severally upon their Oaths affirm their *Depositions* to be True as they had been Read, and that they were present in Council, and heard His Majesty and Her Majesty the Queen *Dowager* make the several *Declarations* aforelaid, and that the same were Entred in the Council Book as they did believe according to the Effect true Sense and Meaning of what their Majesties declared in Council; Whereupon His Majesty's Attorney General moved the Court, that the said *Declarations* of His Majesty, and of Her Majesty the Queen-*Dowager*, and the several *Depositions*, and the Order of Council should be Enrolled in the Petty Bag Office, and in the Office of Inrolments in the Court of *Chancery*, for the safe Preservation and Custody of them, which the Lord Chancellour Ordered accordingly.

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